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State Library Unveils New Tool for Public Library Data Collection

For the first time, the State Library is using a Web-based data collection program, to publish statistics and information concerning the operation of public libraries in South Carolina. The program, developed and created by State Library Web Administrator Cheryl Kirkpatrick and Data Collection Coordinator Libby Law, uses a typical online form that is familiar to experienced Internet users.

One public library director had this to say about the new tool: "Thank you, thank you, thank you! I have just tried filling out two of the online forms and it is an absolute joy."

Statistical data is compiled and reported in the South Carolina State Library Annual Report and the South Carolina Public Library Annual Statistical Summary. It is posted on the State Library Web site. Survey info is also submitted to the National Center for Education Statistics as part of the Federal State Cooperative System (FSCS) for Public Library Data reporting requirements.



Public libraries have access to the program through the SCSL Web site. The form displays selected information from the prior year's survey and retains the data submitted for the current year. The survey is divided into independent sections. Each can be used separately. Built in data checks verify mathematical operations and identify valid data types. The program also generates print versions of the survey, which may be retained by libraries for their records. A submission of the final copy of survey data locks the database and generates an email to the Data Collection Coordinator.

This new data collection program is currently referred to as the South Carolina Public Library Annual Statistical Report or Public Library Annual Statistical Survey, but Law and Kirkpatrick hope to find a new name for this tool. Your suggestions are needed! Please help us name this great tool. Email names to Libby Law at libby@leo.scsl.state.sc.us or Cheryl Kirkpatrick at cheryl@leo.scsl.state.sc.us.

FROM THE DIRECTOR.....

James B. Johnson, Jr.



This is the time of the year when there is usually a lull in legislative action, but this is not a usual year. Legislative activities, at the federal and state levels, are now a twelve-month concern. Congress needs to pass the reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) before the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30. Bills have passed the House (H.R. 13) and Senate (S. 888). They await Conference Committee action. South Carolina's Congressional Delegation overwhelmingly supports the extension of LSTA. Congress also needs to pass the FY04 Labor HHS Education Appropriations Bill. This bill funds LSTA.

At the state level, the State Library Board has authorized the State Library to request three items for the FY05 budget cycle. This request seeks to restore State Aid for County Libraries to \$2 per capita, with the minimum grant remaining at \$40,000 per county, provide \$300,000 for the State Library's materials budget, and fund at an unknown amount for the conversion from analog to digital format the State Library's recording program for the blind and physically handicapped.

At the same time as these things are occurring, we are bracing for another round of state budget cuts. The Budget and Control Board, on August 20, 2003, approved a 1% across-the-board budget cut. For the State Library, this amounts to \$67,675.

With all of this activity, it remains important for library supporters to continuously inform decision-makers of the value of library services. It is up to us to sell our product.

2003-2004 Appropriations Bill Passes with Funding for Public Libraries

The 2003-2004 State Appropriation Bill (Bill # 3749) was passed by the General Assembly on June 3, 2003. It provides funding for the operation of the South Carolina State Library and aid to county libraries. The State Aid program ensures that state funds are used to achieve a higher level of public library service and that all citizens of the state have access. State Aid matching and maintenance of effort requirements encourage county governments to increase local support for libraries. Legislation provides that no county shall be allocated less than \$40,000. The total State Library FY 2003-2004 budget is \$6,767,490. Of that amount, \$4,361,879 is allocated for state aid to county libraries. Additionally, the Education Lottery Act appropriates aid to County Libraries in the amount of \$1,500,000 for educational technology delivery, upgrade, and maintenance.



SC State Library Information Services Head Wraps Up Impressive Career

Anne Schneider retired from the South Carolina State Library (SCSL) after 32 years of service. Mrs. Schneider began her career with SCSL in 1971 as a Reference Librarian, after graduating from the library program at the University of Kentucky. She became Director of the Information Services Department in 1985, and was instrumental in the development of the automation of the State Library's reference and research services, the creation of the library's grants research collection, the publication of the much utilized *South Carolina Foundation Directory*, and the implementation of computer-based reference services and statewide database access for South Carolina's citizens.

"Although I never anticipated working my entire professional career at the State Library when Estellene Walker hired me as a reference librarian in 1971," says Mrs. Schneider, "I consider myself very fortunate to have been associated with such a fine organization and with such fine colleagues - not only at the State Library, but in public libraries across the state."



Anne Schneider, surrounded by long-time SCSL colleagues (some retired themselves) at her farewell party. From l to r: Edna Horning, Jim Johnson, Carolyn Hite, Anne Schneider, Deborah Hotchkiss, Bobbie Adkins, Libby Law, and John Landrum

Mrs. Schneider plans to spend her time cultivating new hobbies, such as golf, spending time in her mountain getaway in NC, and working with the Friends of the South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL). She also plans to read more, "with books checked out from my public libraries in both Carolinas!" We will all miss her at the State Library and wish her the best of luck!

State Library Employees Volunteer at SCETV

Employees of the South Carolina State Library answered phones as volunteers for the ETV Endowment of South Carolina's Summer Television Membership campaign on August 20, 2003. South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV) depends on contributions from Endowment members for funding of evening television programs and all programming on SC Educational Radio.

Over \$11,700 in pledges were accepted by State Library volunteers during their shift, and everyone was excited to be a part of the fundraising effort for such a worthy organization.



SC State Library staff members take a photo break from pledge calls at SCETV.





DISCUS Training Builds Staff Confidence & Efficiency

"Not run for the back room!" That's how one attendee responded to the question, "What will you do differently as a result of attending this DISCUS training class?"

Libraries and their users reap more benefits from DISCUS when library staff members know the content of the databases and efficient search techniques. DISCUS has redesigned its training classes based on user feedback to enhance their effectiveness in building knowledge and skill among both beginners and more advanced users.

The revamped courses include the following:

- Introduction to DISCUS
- DISCUS Is for Kids, Too!
- SIRS & Grolier Databases
- Gale-InfoTrac Databases: Overview
- Gale-InfoTrac: Business, Health & Legal Databases
- Gale-InfoTrac Databases: Train the Trainer

All classes are free and are taught by a combination of vendor trainers (Gale & SIRS) and State Library staff. Follow the Calendar link on the DISCUS Web site for course descriptions, schedule, and an online registration link. While most classes are held at the State Library in Columbia, sessions are also being scheduled in Charleston and other locations.

Public libraries, schools and colleges may also arrange through the DISCUS Office for vendor-provided training (Gale-InfoTrac & SIRS only) at their site provided they can guarantee a minimum of twelve *library* staff members in attendance.

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New techniques or skills that I learned in today's DISCUS training:

- How to narrow a search more effectively.
- How to find lesson plans, projects, activities & experiments.
- Using Grolier; it is much more than I thought!
- How to search for pictures & images.

For more information about DISCUS, visit the DISCUS web site: <http://www.scdiscus.org> or contact: Mary Bull, DISCUS Project Director, (803) 737-7736 or email: mary@leo.scsl.state.sc.us



FY 03 LSTA Update

A total of 21 applications for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) special projects funding were submitted to the South Carolina State Library. 18 were from public libraries. The Library's LSTA Evaluation Committee reviewed the applications for compliance with LSTA guidelines. A total of 19 public library and 3 organizations were awarded FY 03 LSTA funding for special projects in these categories:

Public Library Automation

<i>Chesterfield County Library</i>	\$ 14,690
<i>Florence County Library</i>	\$100,000
<i>Greenville County Library</i>	\$ 20,000
<i>Richland County Library</i>	\$ 20,000
<i>Abbeville County Library</i>	\$ 75,323
<i>Kershaw County Library</i>	\$ 67,285
<i>Lancaster County Library</i>	\$24,682
<i>Orangeburg County Library</i>	\$ 61,092
<i>York County Library</i>	\$ 79,000

Public Library Support

<i>Berkeley County Library</i>	\$ 50,000
<i>Greenville County Library</i>	\$ 2,300
<i>Abbeville County Library</i>	\$ 15,000
<i>Friends of SC Libraries</i>	\$ 2,500
<i>The Humanities Council SC</i>	\$ 44,000

Children & Youth Services

<i>Laurens County Library</i>	\$ 11,500
<i>Georgetown County Library</i>	\$ 11,860
<i>Horry County Library</i>	\$ 12,700
<i>York County Library</i>	\$ 10,000

Countywide Access

<i>Anderson County Library</i>	\$ 32,000
<i>Fairfield County Library</i>	\$ 16,000
<i>Sumter County Library</i>	\$ 25,000

Access to Special Collections

<i>PASCAL –</i>	\$ 20,000
<i>Partnership Among SC Academic Libraries</i>	

TOTAL

\$715,232



"Members of the Georgetown County Legislative Delegation gathered to present a LSTA Grant check of \$11,860 to the Georgetown County Library System. From l to r: Rep. John "Bubber" Snow; State Library Youth Services and Children's Consultant Jane Connor; State Library Director Jim Johnson; Rep. Vida Miller; Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill; and Sen. Yancey McGill."





Children and Youth Services.....

Books Ahoy Brings Children, Books And Fun Together



Fairfield County Library display for Summer Reading

The Books Ahoy Summer Vacation Reading Program spawned lots of interesting programs and activities in our public libraries. The ocean-related theme was easy to work with, and the art had lots of child appeal. It even meshed nicely with the popular summer movies *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Finding Nemo*. Here are a few program highlights from across the state:

Lancaster County Library kicked off summer reading with a Family Reading Festival on May 31st. Activities included a Scholastic Book Fair, a magic show, outside storytelling, face painting, games, a petting zoo, and more. Teen volunteers walked around in costumes of Clifford-the Big Red Dog, Winnie the Pooh, the Cat in the Hat, and the Gingerbread Boy. The library worked with AmeriCorp, Adult Education,

the Arts Council and other community organizations to put on this special event.

Children at the **Marion County Library** made pirate hats, yarn octopi and seashell picture frames. In addition to wonderful storytelling by Jean Townsend and several special entertainers, the library invited someone from the local Beneteau, Inc., a boat factory, who showed them through a video the process of making these special boats. He also told them he learned about boats and sailing from books.

In addition to their successful program for children, **Greenwood County Library** launched its first teen summer reading program using the Tsunami Summer theme. Tracy Ouzts, Extension Librarian planned a very successful series of programs that included making baskets and story quilts and painting without brushes. Teens were able to choose between reading five books on their level and receiving prizes, reading from a selected list and each week voting one book "off the island," or both!



Young Marion County Library patrons paint an underwater scene

Oconee County Library offered some of its summer programming in the evening, finding that it attracted families. Children's librarian Sally Long said that since they are so far from the coast, but so near to rivers, they did programs called "Canoes, Rafts and Rivers." Former raft guides and young teens from a family that runs a rafting company visited the programs and talked about the rivers in the area and river safety. Like many other libraries, Oconee also had successful programs around the release of the hot book of the summer—*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

For more information, please contact Jane Connor, Youth Services Consultant, (803) 734-8658 or email: janec@leo.scsl.state.sc.us



NEWSWORTHY

The **South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) annual conference** will be held October 22-24, 2003 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Columbia, SC. The theme this year is "Libraries: Telling Our Stories". Program information and a conference registration form are available on the SCLA web site, <http://www.scla.org>. The deadline for securing a room at the hotel at the conference rate is September 21. USC's homecoming football weekend is October 24-25 with a lot of people coming into Columbia; therefore, it is advisable to make room reservations as soon as you can.

Barnwell County Library received a \$250,000 donation from the Maytag Foundation for the

renovation of a downtown store that will become Barnwell's new main library. The check was presented to the Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County in May.

Three SC school libraries will receive grants from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. The schools are **West Market Family Education Center** in Anderson District 5, **Lake City High School** in Florence District 3, and **North Elementary School** in Orangeburg District 5. The grant money will be used to buy books. The Foundation will be awarded to 132 schools nationwide, totaling \$640,000.



Mr. David C. McQuillan, map librarian at the **University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library**, has been elected to his fourth two-year term as chair of the Geography and Map Libraries Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). His current term will run from 2003-2005 and includes planning meetings in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Oslo, Norway.



PR Opportunities Can be Around Any Corner

During a recent family vacation, Todd Stephens, director of the Spartanburg County Library, found that great PR opportunities for your library often appear in the unlikeliest places.

While visiting the Mall of America in Minnesota, Mr. Stephens recognized some familiar faces from The Learning Channel's hit decorating show *Trading Spaces*.

Host Page Davis and popular designers Genevieve Gorder and Vern Yip were in the mall filming a segment, but Mr. Yip took a moment to pose for a photo with Todd and a Spartanburg County Library card.



Spartanburg County Library director Todd Stephens and *Trading Spaces* designer Vern Yip share a Spartanburg County Library card!



Greenwood County Library Featured in Photomural



A photomural featuring the Greenwood County Library was unveiled at the Cross Creek Mall in Greenwood, SC, during a ceremony on June 18. Ms. Sara B. Smith, Chair of the Greenwood County Library Board, opened the event, which featured music from Ms. Louise Robinson and words from Mr. Floyd Nicholson, Mayor of Greenwood.

The mural celebrates the Friends of the Greenwood County Library and honors the memory of Mrs. Gracie E. Byrd, manager of the Benjamin E. Mays Branch Library. The Mays

Library served Greenwood's African-American community from 1940 until 1971. After its closure, Mrs. Byrd remained part of the Greenwood County Library system until her retirement. Lt. Col. Henry Byrd, son of Mrs. Byrd, also spoke at the ceremony to share memories of his mother.

Cross Creek Mall, a property of the Hull Storey Retail Group, is located at 420 Bypass 72 NW, Greenwood, SC 29649.



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